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Wm Goodell &
Tim. Stowe,
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Bib. Miss. Convention.

Dear Br Phelps.

Permit me to say to you that I am of the opencion that the Contemplated convention should be as far west as Canandaigua or Rochester. As it is desegned for Western New York one or the other of these places is more central than Either Auburn or Syracuse. Besides there is probably more anti slavery feeling west of Canandaigua among the ministers than there is East of it, this side of Utica. This is my opinion.

There is one topic which in my opinion should be a matter of serious discussion at the above convention, viz The importance of establishing a weekly Religious News paper, that will be thoroughly Anti-Slavery in its sentiments. I have long taken the New York Evangelist but I must stop. Our Religious Press, depend upon it ~~are~~ is doing more to reconcile the churches to pro slavery Missions than any influence in the Land. You can never support separate Missions without have a thoroughly anti slavery Religious Press. Anti slavery men must be brought to refuse to sustain such papers as the Evangelist & Observer or we can never look for the reformation of the Churches and the abolition of slavery in the ~~Land~~ Country. Please mention this subject to the Mr Tappans. If God permits me to be present at the convention I shall bring the matter before that body and sustain it with all the feeble powers I possess. You are the man to conduct that Paper, if I have not been mistaken in regard to your qualifications.

Yours in the true gospel

Timothy Stowe

their wisdom from the Bible.

As friends of freedom & of missions, we accept the issue. We must do it. We are glad to do it. It is the Great Question in the whole work of modern missions. To be silent, in respect to it, as now maintained, is to confess judgment against the cause of freedom — to admit that the Bible is not the Charter of human liberty & Christianity not the Gospel of deliverance to them that are bruised, having promise of the life that now is, as well as of that which is to come. Plainly the time has come to deliberate, to pray, to speak, to act. Why have modern Missions been so barren both of persecutions & of triumphs. Whence comes it that with human nature unchanged, & the forms of religious superstition & social evil still the same, they have neither the conflicts nor the sacrifices, nor the successes, of an apostolic gospel, propagated in apostolical methods! To the Bible be our appeal. We ask no other.

Brethren, the undersigned invite all the friends of freedom & of missions, who have heretofore co-operated with the American Board & kindred associations, or who now do so, to meet in convention at   on the   of   next, for the purpose of considering generally, the whole subject of the bible methods of propagating the Gospel, & particularly, for the purpose of putting forth a remonstrance against the practice referred to, of the Mission Churches, & the position taken in justification of it, as the cause of Bible Missions demands, with the consideration of such practical measures, as may seem best, to give practical effect to the same.

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Convention in behalf of Bible Missions

To the friends of Bible Mission
in the State of New York }

Brethren. — The undersigned are the friends of freedom and of Missions. In former times we have acted in support of the Cause of Missions through the American Board & Kindred Associations. Some of us still do so. Our interest in and affection for these agencies has been sincere & strong. We are not their enemies now. If, after long forbearance & patient waiting, we call attention to their errors & reprobate ~~their~~ & resist their delinquencies, it is not that we love them less, but the cause more.

We need not inform you, that, latterly, strange things have come to light. Not to speak of other things, slave holders are in Churches planted & sustained by the American Board, as regular & approved members. They have been welcomed, & are continued in them without question, without reproof, without discipline. This has been done for twenty five years, though the public has ~~been~~ but recently apprized of it. And this proceeding, those who direct the affairs of the ~~American~~ Board excuse, justify, and declare to be Apostolic and Scriptural, & the Missionaries who have done & are doing it, are commended as faithful, & are told, in terms, that they cannot be advised, much less required to change their course. For aught that appears, the Gospel we are to propogate, is to endure, baptize, sanctify, and welcome slavery to the bosom of the Church, wherever it meets [illegible] it, in all the earth. Caste, polygamy, & other social ~~sins~~ vices are to have a like allowance & admission. And they who would have it otherwise, are assured, both individually & officially that they transcend God's methods, & have not learned